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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS

REF: A) STATE 196849, B) HELSINKI 1645, C) HELSINKI 1596,

D) HELSINKI 1576

1. SUMMARY: IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL A, EMB POLCOUNS ON AUGUST 10 DISCUSSED POSSIBLE UNGA ISSUES WITH MFA OFFICIAL JUST PRIOR TO LATTER'S DEPARTURE FOR PREPARATORY MEETINGS WITH NORDIC COUNTERPARTS IN ICELAND. HIS MESSAGE DISCUSSES SPECIFIC ISSUES RAISED WITH OFFICIAL AND HIS REACTIONS TO EACH. THE MFA OFFICIAL TOOK WRITTEN NOTE OF ISSUES THAT EMBOFF RAISED AND GAVE IMPRESSION HE WOULD DISCUSS WITH COUNTERPARTS IN REYKJAVIK. EMBOFF AND MFA REP WILL MEET AGAIN FOLLOWING LATTER'S RETURN FROM ICELAND. END SUMMARY.

2. DRAWING ON INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REFTEL A, POLCOUNS ON AUGUST 10 DISCUSSED POSSIBLE UNGA ISSUES WITH OLLI MENNANDER, DIRECTOR OF MFA MULTILATERAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS DIVISION. SHORTLY AFTER MEETING WITH EMBOFF, MENNANDER  
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DEPARTED FOR REYKJAVIK WHERE HE WILL REPRESENT FINLAND IN WORKING

LEVEL SESSIONS WITH NORDIC COLLEAGUES IN PREPARATION FOR NORDIC COUNCIL MEETING. MENNANDER WILL BE PRESENT DURING PART BUT NOT ALL OF THE 31ST UNGA. ADDITIONAL MFA MEMBERS OF FINLAND'S UNGA DELEGATION HAVE YET TO BE NAMED (REFTEL B).

3. WITH RESPECT TO US PRE-COLOMBO EFFORTS, EMBASSY HAD ALREADY DISCUSSED WITH MFA OFFICIALS (REF C) USG CONCERN AND OBJECTIVES, AND MENNANDER IS FAMILIAR WITH OUR EFFORTS. GOF DELEGATION, WITH EXCEPTION OF MINISTER GESTRIN, HAS ALREADY LEFT FOR COLOMBO.

4. SPECIFIC ISSUES DISCUSSED WITH MENNANDER AND HIS REACTIONS:

(A) KOREA: AS WITH EARLIER REPRESENTATION MADE BY DCM ON THIS SUBJECT (REFTEL D) MENNANDER RESPONDED BY SAYING THAT GOF WILL SURELY CONTINUE ITS POLICY OF ABSTAINING ON ALL KOREAN VOTES IN THE UN. HE ASKED IF THERE HAD BEEN ANY RESPONSE FROM EITHER THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA OR NORTH KOREA CONCERNING SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PROPOSAL, REITERATED IN JULY 22 SEATTLE SPEECH, FOR A CONFERENCE OF INTERESTED PARTIES. POLCOUNS ANSWERED HE NOT AWARE THAT ANY RESPONSE HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

(B) PUERTO RICO: MENNANDER SAID HE FULLY UNDERSTANDS USG POSITION AND CONCERN ON THIS ISSUE, AND EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT EFFORTS TO PLACE PUERTO RICAN ISSUE BEFORE UNGA WOULD CONTINUE TO BE UNSUCCESSFUL.

(C) PANAMA CANAL: HE SAID THIS MATTER HAD NEVER BEFORE BEEN RAISED AT UNGA AND DOUBTED THAT IT WOULD REACH UNGA IN THE 31ST SESSION.

(D) MIDDLE EAST: MENNANDER EXPRESSED OPINION THAT CONFUSION AND COMPLEXITY OF LEBANON CRISIS WOULD DOMINATE DISCUSSIONS ON MIDDLE EAST, THEREBY DIVERTING ATTENTION FROM ISRAEL/ZIONISM/RACISM ISSUE. HE DOUBTED THERE WOULD BE ANY MANEUVERS ATTEMPTED TO BAR ISRAEL FROM UNGA THROUGH MISUSE OF THE CREDENTIALS REVIEW PROCESS WHICH WOULD IN ANY CASE, HE AGREED, BE CONTRARY TO UN CHARTER. HE WAS NONCOMMITTAL CONCERNING USG INTEREST IN FINDING A WAY TO LIMIT RACISM QUESTIONS TO SITUATIONS ON WHICH THERE IS BROAD CONSENSUS.

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(E) SOUTHERN AFRICA: HE WAS COMPLIMENTARY CONCERNING POSITIVE USG EFFORTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA BUT NOT OPTIMISTIC. HE BELIEVES SOUTH AFRICA WILL NOT TAKE EFFECTIVE STEPS TOWARD NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE AND SELF-DETERMINATION DESPITE SECURITY COUNCIL'S AUGUST 31 DEADLINE.

(F) CYPRUS: HE DID NOT RESPOND TO THIS ISSUE.

5. MENNANDER DID NOT RAISE QUESTIONS OF ADMISSION OF VIETNAM AND ANGOLA TO UN AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS, NEITHER DID EMBOFF. MENNANDER ALSO DID NOT MENTION ANY ECONOMIC ISSUES, NOR DID HE RAISE MATTER OF ELECTION OF FINNISH REPRESENTATIVES TO POSITIONS IN INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES.

6. IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFF QUERY CONCERNING WHAT QUESTIONS GOES INTENDS TO RAISE IN UNGA, MENNANDER SAID THAT FINLAND INTENDS TO FOLLOW UP ON PAST FINNISH DISARMAMENT INITIATIVES, BUT HE DID NOT INDICATE WHAT SPECIFIC STEPS FINLAND PLANS IN UNGA DISARMAMENT AREA.

7. MENNANDER MADE WRITTEN NOTES OF SUBJECTS RAISED BY POLCOUNS AND GAVE IMPRESSION HE WOULD DISCUSS THEM WITH NORDIC COUNTERPARTS IN REYKJAVIK. HE WAS MOST APPRECIATIVE OF OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE USG VIEWS PRIOR TO NORDIC COUNCIL MEETING, AND SAID HE WOULD BE PLEASED TO MEET AGAIN WITH EMBOFF AFTER HIS RETURN FROM ICELAND.

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